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Do people buy Hood's Sarsaparilla in preference to any other?

Because it is the best, it cures when others fail.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is still made under the personal supervision of the educated pharmacist who originated it.

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Where to Put The Money.

The objects to postal savings banks are especially concerned over what is to be done with the money deposited. They allege that the government will not be able to earn the 2 per cent interest, and that a deficit will exist and have to be made up out of the treasury. While fully admitting that any such condition of affairs, if liable to occur, would be a conclusive argument against the establishment of such a system, it must be apparent, on an examination, that such fears are groundless. There ought not to be any trouble in making a safe use of the money.

Various plans have been proposed. One is that the funds be expended for necessary public buildings. Although no doubt there is need of such buildings, in many places, that method of employing trust funds can hardly be improved. It is equivalent to borrowing an immense sum of money for investment in property not readily convertible. It would simply encourage reckless expenditures by congress, all of which would, in the end, have to come out of the treasury, with accumulated interest.

Other plans for disposing of the money are that it be invested in United States or state or municipal bonds. There will not be any considerable amount of government bonds subject to call before 1907, but, in that year \$559,000,000 worth will mature. Paying off a portion of that amount with savings deposits would be equivalent to refunding the same at 2 per cent. And several years would probably be necessary to so develop the system as to absorb any large part of the national debt. In the absence of government bonds, state or municipal securities would afford a large field for investment. Whether the national banks of issue would be willing to pay interest on savings deposited with them is doubtful, but it is not very material. There will be no lack of opportunity for safe investment, at the low rate of return necessary.

Cataract Cannot be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country years ago, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Cuban Autonomy.

Although the Cubans in arms have declared in the most positive terms that they will accept of Spain nothing short of absolute independence, the Spanish government has ordered and published what is pleased to call a treaty for Cuba. In thus thrusting upon the rebels a grudging concession which it had heretofore refused, and which Cuba no longer wants, the home government virtually that the Cubans were not without provocation for their rebellion, and in the form in which it is offered the concession made a significant change of policy, if not a change of heart, on the part of Spain.

We need not go far to find an explanation of Spain's sudden generosity. Congress will convene within a few days, and it will not wait long for the president to announce his policy and intentions with reference to Cuba. If there is any faltering, or any disposition to unnecessarily delay action, congress will take the bit in its teeth and neither the speaker nor the president can prevent the passage of a mandatory resolution of recognition of Cuban rights.

Spain is the same old Spain, with the blood of the martyr still staining her garments, the same cruel, relentless oppressor of the weak, the same ignorant, superstitious, and malignant nation, that will be known for centuries to come as the promoter of the inquisition, the one government upon all earth whose very name is a synonym for barbarous cruelty, unrelenting oppression and grasping avarice.

And what does this autonomy offer Cuba?

Cuba may elect a part of the legislature, whose laws are subject to veto by a governor appointed at Madrid. The balance of the plan is a mere tissue of promises that may or may not be fulfilled, and which, in the light of Spain's record of perfidy and dishonesty, will not be of much value, either on the island or with the American people, at whom it is, in reality, aimed.

Cuba is suspicious of any overture that Spain may make, but particularly of an offer of autonomy coming at a time when the Spanish army in Cuba has scarcely strength to support itself and when the bolters of the rebels are whittling through the windows of the government's palace. The insurgents will not lay down their arms on the very edge of victory, and their friends in this country will not be deluded by Spain's belated attempt at a compromise.

An Office Stolen from the People.

Now that the people of Missouri know, from proof absolutely unassailable, that in the campaign of last fall the Democratic state committee and the Populist state committee were both in the same office, it is not surprising that the Populist state committee, after the election, should have been turned over to the court by the Democratic state committee.

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County Court.

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